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Title: MUTANTS OF GRAMINEAE POLLEN ALLERGENS FOR SPECIFIC
 IMMUNOTHERAPY, THEIR PREPARATION AND USE

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371
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Sir:

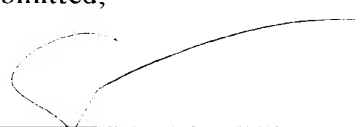
In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed November 16, 1999, attached is a Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application which has been executed by the inventors, as well as a copy of the Notification.

The Surcharge of \$130.00 for providing the Declaration later than 30 months from the original priority date has already been submitted.

Applicants request that the time for responding to this action be extended four months to APRIL 16, 2000. A check for the statutory fee of \$1,360.00 is attached.

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